

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's comments in the Notice of Allowability mailed November 28, 2003. The above amendment to claim 44 is to eliminate a redundant "or" after entry of the Examiner's amendment. Applicants also acknowledge that the Examiner has withdrawn the restriction requirement in the application.

In view of the above remarks, favorable reconsideration and entry is requested. If there are any remaining issues which can be expedited by a telephone conference, the examiner is courteously invited to telephone counsel at the number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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